

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:                      TRIPATHY, et al.  
Serial No.:                                      09/580,516  
Filing Date:                                   May 25, 2000  
Group Art Unit:                               2145  
Confirmation No.                              9356  
Examiner:                                       Melvin H. Pollack  
Title:    *Element Management System with Automatic Remote  
Backup of Network Elements Local Storage*

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Applicants respectfully request continued examination of this Application to allow the Examiner to reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following amendments thereto and the comments set forth below.